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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

SEPTEMBER 12, 2006

The Santa Monica Mountains are an important and precious public resource. With its dramatic canyons, oak woodlands, open spaces and ocean views, Mulholland Highway offers travelers a chance to experience one of the most scenic routes in Los Angeles County. More than 15,000 people a week enjoy the views and historic sites along this 29-mile stretch from Calabasas to the Pacific Ocean, the idea for which was originally conceived by William Mulholland in 1913 as a scenic haven convenient to the people of metropolitan Los Angeles.

The State Scenic Highway program protects and enhances California's natural scenic beauty. The designation of Mulholland Highway as a County Scenic Highway within the State Scenic Highway program will showcase some of the most spectacular landscape in the County. Adoption of the resolution before us today will demonstrate the County's interest in protecting this valuable resource, and our commitment to protecting its unique scenic value for the public today and the generations to come.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board adopt the resolution, approved as to form by County Counsel, that supports seeking official scenic designation from Caltrans for the portion of Mulholland Highway from Old Topanga Canyon Road/Headwaters Corner

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Pacific Coast Highway; and further that the Board direct the Acting Director of the Department of Regional Planning to work with Caltrans to prepare the necessary materials to designate this portion of Mulholland Highway as a County Scenic Highway.

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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

IN SUPPORT OF SEEKING OFFICIAL COUNTY SCENIC HIGHWAY STATUS FROM CALTRANS FOR MULHOLLAND HIGHWAY IN DISTRICT 3

WHEREAS, Mulholland Highway in western Los Angeles County is one of the state's most spectacular public highways, stretching from the City of Calabasas through the Santa Monica Mountains to the Pacific Ocean; and

WHEREAS, More than three-quarters of a million people a year enjoy the scenic vistas as they travel portions of the 29 miles from Old Topanga Canyon Road/Headwaters Corner to California State Route 1 (Pacific Coast Highway); and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the economic and aesthetic value of scenic highways, the State Legislature established the California Scenic Highway Program in 1963 to showcase and promote the state's most visually appealing roads; and

WHEREAS, William Mulholland, in 1913, first conceived the idea of a great scenic road through the Santa Monica Mountains to provide a scenic haven convenient to the people of metropolitan Los Angeles, with much construction taking place in the 1920s and 1930s; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors believes Mulholland Highway is worthy and deserving of recognition, thereby increasing public awareness of this scenic resource.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby officially requests that Caltrans favorably consider its request to extend formal County Scenic Highway designation to the stretch of Mulholland Highway extending from Old Topanga Canyon Road/Headwaters Corner to California State Route 1.

The foregoing resolution was on the _____ day of _____, 2006, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board of
Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles

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Deputy

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RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
County Counsel

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